month of June, 2001 no bid for prime-time slots (7.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M.) was received. Only one bid of Rs. 50.00 lakhs, for 11.00 PM to 00 hours was received from M/s. Moving Picture Co. (India) Ltd.

Bids were invited again by Prasar Bharati in the month of June-July, 2001 for 7.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M. slots, without fixing floor price for these slots. The names and bid amount quoted by the bidders are as under:

Time slot	Name of the bidders	Bid Amount in Rs.
7.00 to 8.00 P.M.	M/s Prachar Communications	1,00,53,158/-
8.00 to 9.00 P.M.	M/s Pritish Nandy Communications	1,01,00,000/-
	M/s Prachar Communications	4,60,34,921/-
	M/s Sri Adhikari Brothers	9,00,00,000/-
9.00 to 10.00 P.M.	M/s Prachar Communications	6,38,00,921/-
	M/s Shri Adhikari Brothers	9,00,00,000/-
10.00 to 11.00 P.M.	M/sPrachar Communications	4,00,67,921/-

Prasar Bharati has intimated that the above bids were not accepted.

Seniorty List of IIS Officers

72. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has revised the seniorty list of the Indian Information Service Officers;

(b) whether it is fact that the Ministry has given undue benefit to some of the Officers who are on *adhoc* basis;

(c) if so, the reasons for giving such benefit; and

(d) the guidelines for fixing the seniority of IIS Officers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Seniority List of Indian Information Service Group 'A' Officers had been revised in

July, 2000 in pursuance of Judgement dated 13.4.1999 of the Supreme court in the cases of S.C. Kacktwana & Others *Vs.* Union of India and V.K. Arora and Others *Vs.* Union of India. The revision of seniority was made on the following lines;—

(i) Promotee officers between the recruitment years 1974 ad 1980 have been placed *en-bloc* senior to the first Direct Recruit of the recruitment year 1981, as per CIS (Amendment) Rules, 1982;

(ii) Interpolation of Direct Recruits and Promotee officers from recruitment year 1981 onwards has been done in accordance with the DOP&T"s instructions contained in O.M. No. 9/1/55-RPF dated 22nd December, 1959, read with the clarification vide their O.M. No. 35014/2/80-Estt (D) dated 7th February, 1986;

(iii) The *inter se* seniority of the promotees has been determinmed on the basis of the panels recommended by the origional DPCs held in UPSC;

(iv) Placement of officers is on the basis of the latest DPCs held for different grades;

(v) Officers who have been superseded in their present level have, acordingly, been shown below the officers who have superseded them; and

(vi) The names of the officers who have retired, resigned and expired have been deleted from the list.

This seniority list is the subject of further judicial scruitiny.

Piracy of Indian Entertainment Products

73. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether deep concern is being expressed currently over the increasing incidence of piracy of Indian entertainment products especially films in overseas markets, particularly in U.S.;

(b) if so, whether the issue of piracy has been taken up recently by Indian showbiz delegation under her leadership before the U.S.